

## REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 13. All claims stand allowed. Claim 9, however, stands objected to because of a formal matter. A revised set of claims, including a revision of claim 9 to meet the Examiner's objection, has been submitted herewith.

In addition, the Examiner has noted several questions with regard to the Specification and the Specification has been extensively reviewed and a number of clarifying amendments made in response to these questions.

The Examiner has noted that the prior art references cited in the Specification were not submitted on an information disclosure statement in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b). The Examiner has further cited the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609 A(1), as stating that "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." While the Applicant wishes to cooperate with the Examiner in every way possible, it is noted that the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) is intended as a guideline for the examination of an application but is not a statement of the law. Absent such a stricture in the Patent Laws (35 U.S.C.) or the Code of Federal Regulations (37 C.F.R.), the MPEP cannot represent the law. Further, it is submitted that Applicant properly cited references known to the Applicant in the "Background of the Invention" section of the Specification, where someone reading the issued Patent would expect to find such information. If the Examiner had found the references to be relevant, it is submitted that the references would have been uncovered in the Examiner's search of the prior art.

Finally, the Examiner has noted an inaccuracy in one of the Drawings, and a new FIG. 4 is submitted herewith to correct the inaccuracy.

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above amendments and arguments, reexamination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,

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